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1. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

							High	Low	
	6/97	4/97	3/97	1/97	12/96	11/96+	2/91+	7/92+	
Right direction.....	43	37	40	46	46	41	65	14	[15]
Wrong track.....	40	44	45	38	38	40	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	14	16	13	12	13	16	9	9	
Not sure.....	3	3	2	4	3	3	4	6	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

							High	Low	
	6/97	4/97	3/97	1/97	12/96	10/96+	1/94	6/93	
Approve.....	58	57	57	60	58	56	60	41	[16]
Disapprove.....	33	36	36	32	34	37	31	50	
Not sure.....	9	7	7	8	8	7	9	9	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

							High	Low	
	6/97*	4/97	3/97	1/97	12/96	10/96+	12/96	7/93	9/94
Approve.....	60	55	59	58	59	55	59	40	40
Disapprove.....	32	38	33	35	32	37	32	51	51
Not sure.....	8	7	8	7	9	8	9	9	9

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+ Asked only of registered voters.

2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

							<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	
	<u>6/97**</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>10/96+</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	53	52	48	57	49	50	57	32	[18]
Disapprove.....	34	32	37	34	37	38	34	60	
Not sure.....	13	16	15	9	14	12	9	8	

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3. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and organizations, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Bill Clinton							[19]
June 1997 *.....	20	31	17	15	16	1	
April 1997.....	20	33	15	15	16	1	
March 1997.....	23	31	14	14	17	1	
January 1997.....	25	30	16	15	13	1	
December 1996.....	22	32	15	15	16	-	
November 1996+.....	22	26	13	15	23	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1994.....	13	28	18	18	23	-	
Newt Gingrich							[20]
June 1997 *.....	6	15	18	25	30	6	
April 1997.....	6	15	21	22	31	5	
March 1997.....	5	15	19	23	33	5	
January 1997.....	6	16	18	24	31	5	
December 1996.....	8	13	22	21	29	7	
October 1996+.....	9	12	17	17	39	6	
<i>High</i>							
April 21-25, 1995.....	11	20	18	13	23	15	
<i>Low</i>							
October 1990+.....	1	8	10	6	6	69	
Fred Thompson							[21]
June 1997 *.....	5	7	15	2	2	69	
Business corporations							[22]
June 1997 *.....	10	27	33	15	7	8	
The news media							[23]
June 1997 *.....	8	27	23	27	14	1	
January 1995.....	6	20	22	28	22	2	

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+ Asked only of registered voters.

Q.3. (cont'd.)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
Al Gore							[24]
June 1997 **	18	28	25	13	12	4	
April 1997	15	31	25	15	12	2	
March 1997	17	30	22	16	12	3	
January 1997	22	29	24	12	11	2	
December 1996	17	30	26	12	12	3	
October 1996+	22	29	22	11	13	3	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<i>Low</i>							
January 1995	12	27	29	17	10	5	
Paula Jones							[25]
June 1997 **	2	10	22	16	24	26	
Trent Lott							[26]
June 1997 **	5	10	19	7	4	55	
April 1997	6	10	17	4	2	61	
March 1997	4	11	19	5	3	58	
January 1997	6	10	14	3	2	65	
December 1996	5	9	18	4	2	62	
Hillary Rodham Clinton							[27]
June 1997 **	22	26	15	15	20	2	
April 1997	18	26	18	14	22	2	
March 1997	17	25	21	15	21	1	
January 1997	18	25	19	16	20	2	
December 1996	15	24	22	15	22	2	
October 1996+	20	24	17	13	25	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993	27	30	21	8	8	6	
<i>Low</i>							
May 1996+	14	20	19	17	27	3	
Kenneth Starr							[28]
June 1997 **	4	10	19	8	6	53	
March 1997	2	8	18	6	6	60	
Labor unions							[29]
June 1997 **	13	25	24	18	14	6	

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+ Asked only of registered voters.

4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

							<i>High</i>	<i>Low</i>	
							4/21-	10/90+	
	6/97	4/97	3/97	1/97	10/96+	9/96+	25/95	10/90+	
Approve.....	44	41	36	39	39	40	47	22	[30]
Disapprove.....	44	45	52	50	50	44	40	69	
Not sure.....	12	14	12	11	11	16	13	9	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

4b. Who do you want to see take the lead role in setting policy for the country--President Clinton or the Congress?

6/97* | 4/97 1/97 12/96 3/95 12/94 11/9/94+

President Clinton.....	35	38	34	38	33	31	30	[31]
Congress.....	45	44	43	44	54	55	55	
Shared/equal role (VOL).....	12	12	18	14	6	8	11	
Neither (VOL).....	5	3	2	2	3	2	1	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	

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+ Asked only of registered voters.

5. How well do you think President Clinton and the Republicans in Congress are doing when it comes to working together to deal with the issues -- do you think they are working together very well, fairly well, not so well, or not well at all? **

Very well.....	4	[32]
Fairly well.....	43	
Not so well.....	33	
Not well at all.....	18	
Not sure.....	2	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 6a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the balanced budget agreement reached by President Clinton and the Republican leaders in Congress?

Approve.....	52	[33]
Disapprove.....	29	
Not sure.....	19	

- 6b. How likely do you think it is that the federal budget will be balanced in five years -- very likely, fairly likely, just somewhat likely, or not at all likely?

	<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	
Very likely	4	3	4	[34]
Fairly likely.....	10	8	7	
Just somewhat likely.....	25	26	19	
Not at all likely.....	60	62	69	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	

- 7a. From what you know, do you agree more with President Clinton and the Democrats **OR** more with the Republicans in Congress on the issue of cutting taxes?

Agree more with President Clinton and the Democrats.....	45	[35]
Agree more with the Republicans in Congress.....	37	
Both equal (VOL)	6	
Not sure.....	12	

- 7b. The following are some tax cuts that are being considered by President Clinton and Congress. Please tell me which one, if any, you would most like to see passed? *

A tax credit for college tuition.....	30	[36]
A tax credit for families with young children.....	33	
A reduction in the capital gains tax on sales of real estate or stock.....	20	
A reduction in the estate, or inheritance, tax.....	12	
None of them (VOL)	2	
Not sure.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 7c. Do you think the inheritance tax on estates worth more than six hundred thousand dollars should be reduced, or not? **

Inheritance tax should be reduced.....	43	[37]
Inheritance tax should not be reduced.....	44	
Not sure.....	13	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 8a. Let me read you two proposals to cut taxes, and see which one you agree with more.

The Republicans are proposing a tax cut package that provides a five hundred dollar per child tax credit and a college tuition tax credit for middle- and upper-income families, and provides additional tax cuts for investors, savers, businesses, and estates worth more than six hundred thousand dollars.

The Democrats are proposing a tax package that gives more tax benefits and college tuition credits to lower- and middle-income families, while limiting capital gains and estate tax reductions to small businesses and family farms worth more than six hundred thousand dollars.

Based on this information, do you agree more with the Republican tax cut package or the Democratic tax cut package? *

Agree more with Republican tax cut package.....	31	[38]
Agree more with Democratic tax cut package.....	60	
Both equal (VOL)	3	
Neither (VOL)	3	
Not sure.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 8b. Do you think cutting taxes for individuals and businesses will help the economy, hurt the economy, or not make much difference either way? **

Help the economy.....	44	[39]
Hurt the economy.....	12	
Not make much difference either way.....	40	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

9. There is a bill in Congress that would permit abortions to be performed in the early stages of a woman's pregnancy, but would ban abortions when the fetus could survive outside the womb, except in cases in which the woman faces grave health problems. What is your reaction to this bill -- strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable? *

Strongly favorable.....	24	[40]
Somewhat favorable.....	27	
Somewhat unfavorable.....	10	
Strongly unfavorable.....	30	
Not sure.....	9	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 10a. As you may know, the Republican-controlled Congress will soon be holding hearings on allegations of campaign finance abuses. Do you think that these congressional hearings will be relatively fair and impartial, or do you think that they will mainly be a partisan attack on the Clinton White House and the Democrats by congressional Republicans?

	<u>6/97*</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
Relatively fair and impartial.....	27	22	[41]
Partisan attack on Clinton White House and the Democrats.....	61	68	
Some of both (VOL).....	5	4	
Not sure.....	7	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 10b. As you know, there are many allegations of campaign finance abuses in the 1996 election. Let me read you several proposals that people have made to reform the campaign finance system, and see which one you prefer. *

Reduce the amount that candidates can accept from political action committees, impose overall spending limits on campaigns, eliminate large contributions to political parties, and provide some financial incentives to candidates.....	62	[42]
Remove all limits on contributions, so people can give as much money as they want, but require more timely disclosure of these donations.....	18	
OR		
Leave the current campaign financing system intact.....	14	
None (VOL)/Not sure.....	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Moving to another subject in the news

11. As you may know, Paula Jones has filed a lawsuit claiming that President Clinton sexually harassed her when he was governor of Arkansas and she was a state employee. From what you know, do you believe Paula Jones' allegations of sexual harassment against President Clinton, or not?

Believe Paula Jones' allegations.....	33	[43]
Do not believe Paula Jones' allegations.....	45	
Not sure.....	22	

- 12a. In your opinion, do you think the lawyers for President Clinton and Paula Jones should try to settle the lawsuit without going to trial, or do you think the lawsuit should be heard in court? *

Settle lawsuit without trial.....	41	[44]
Lawsuit should be heard in court.....	46	
Lawsuit should be dismissed (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 12b. If the lawyers for President Clinton reached an out-of-court settlement in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit, do you think they would settle the lawsuit because the President is too busy to deal with the distraction of a court trial, or because the President's lawyers believe that Paula Jones might win the case if it goes to trial? **

President too busy to deal with a court trial.....	38	[45]
President's lawyers believe Paula Jones might win.....	45	
Not sure.....	17	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 13a. Do you think that the recent stories of adultery and sexual misconduct in the military are isolated cases, or do you think that incidents of adultery and sexual misconduct are widespread in the military?

Isolated cases.....	17	[46]
Widespread.....	77	
Not sure.....	6	

- 13b. In the military, adultery qualifies as a crime under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for being quote "prejudicial to good order and discipline." Do you think the military policy that treats adultery as a crime should or should not be changed? *

Policy should be changed.....	53	[47]
Policy should not be changed.....	40	
Not sure.....	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 13c. Let me read you several examples of adultery or sexual misconduct, and ask whether you think the military should treat these cases as grounds for dismissal, or not. If you are not sure, or do not know, please do not hesitate to say so. *

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS
WHO SAY GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL*

	<u>Grounds For Dismissal</u>	<u>Not Grounds For Dismissal</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Not Sure</u>	
A superior officer who forces sexual activity on a lower-ranking officer.....	93	5	2	[50]
Two married soldiers of equal rank who admit to having an adulterous relationship.....	35	59	6	[49]
A soldier or member of the military who is involved in a homosexual relationship.....	33	55	12	[51]
An unmarried officer who admits to having an affair with a married civilian.....	25	68	7	[48]
An unmarried superior officer who engages in a consensual sexual relationship with an enlisted officer.	22	71	7	[52]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the economy.

14a. Would you say that you and your family are better off or worse off than you were four years ago?

	<u>6/97*</u>	<u>10/96</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	<u>8/2- 6/96+</u>	<u>7/96+</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/95</u>	<u>9/92</u>	<u>7/92</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>4/92</u>	<u>2/92</u>	
Better off.....	59	49	52	48	46	49	47	37	34	38	35	36	[53]
Worse off.....	22	22	22	23	20	25	26	40	42	39	43	41	
About the same (VOL).....	18	27	24	27	32	24	24	21	22	22	20	22	
Not sure.....	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	1	
		<u>1/92</u>	<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>									
		39	42	40									
		40	39	37									
		20	17	22									
		1	2	1									

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

14b. Do you expect your children's generation to enjoy a higher standard of living than your generation?

	<u>6/97**</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>9/96+</u>	<u>6/96+</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>	<u>12/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>5/90+</u>	
Yes, expect children's generation to enjoy a higher standard of living.....	53	52	43	43	41	41	48	49	45	60	[54]
No, do not expect children's generation to enjoy a higher standard of living.....	42	44	47	47	51	52	46	45	50	37	
Not sure.....	5	4	10	10	8	7	6	6	5	3	

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+ Asked only of registered voters.

15a. I'd like you to rate economic conditions in America using a ten-point scale, on which a "1" means economic conditions are very bad, and a "10" means economic conditions are very good. You may use any number between one and ten, depending on how you feel. Using this ten-point scale, how would you rate economic conditions in America today?

10, very good.....	3	[55-56]
9.....	3	
8.....	17	
7.....	24	
6.....	17	
5.....	21	
4.....	8	
3.....	3	
2.....	1	
1, very bad.....	2	
Cannot rate.....	1	
MEAN.....	6.2	

- 15b. Using the same ten-point scale, how would you rate the way economic conditions in America were five years ago? *

10, very good.....	1	[57-58]
9.....	2	
8.....	10	
7.....	13	
6.....	18	
5.....	27	
4.....	15	
3.....	7	
2.....	3	
1, very bad.....	1	
Cannot rate.....	3	
MEAN.....	5.5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 15c. Using the same ten-point scale, how would you rate the way economic conditions in America will be five years from now? **

10, very good.....	3	[59-60]
9.....	4	
8.....	14	
7.....	17	
6.....	13	
5.....	17	
4.....	11	
3.....	7	
2.....	3	
1, very bad.....	3	
Cannot rate.....	8	
MEAN.....	5.8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 16a. How satisfied are you with the state of the U.S. economy today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?

	6/97**	3/97	12/96	9/96	6/96	5/96+	High 3/97	Low 1/96	
Very satisfied.....	10	13	9	7	5	4	13	3	[61]
Somewhat satisfied.....	51	45	51	49	43	43	45	37	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	27	27	27	30	32	38	27	38	
Very dissatisfied.....	10	13	11	12	18	14	13	19	
Not sure.....	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 16b. What is your feeling about your own financial situation today--are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with your financial situation?

	6/97	3/97	12/9	9/96	6/96	3/9	High 3/97	Low 12/9	
	**		6			6		4	
Very satisfied.....	16	17	16	14	15	13	17	13	[62]
Somewhat satisfied.....	50	48	50	51	49	50	48	48	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	20	20	21	21	22	23	20	24	
Very dissatisfied.....	13	14	12	13	13	12	14	14	
Not sure.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 16c. Let me read you several elements relating to the current economy. For each one, please tell me whether this is an area in which you feel very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied. If this does not apply to you, please just say so.

(FOR EACH ITEM BELOW, ASK:) When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

RESULTS DO NOT REFLECT RESPONSES OF THOSE WHO SAY THE ITEM DOES NOT APPLY TO THEM ¹

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS
WHO SAY VERY OR SOMEWHAT SATISFIED

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Sure	
Your current job security						[63]
June 1997 **.....	38	36	12	13	1	
March 1997.....	37	40	12	11	-	
December 1996.....	36	38	13	12	1	
September 1996.....	37	39	10	13	1	
June 1996.....	38	37	12	12	1	
March 1996.....	36	37	14	12	1	
January 1996.....	30	31	10	10	19	
Your opportunities for career advancement						[69]
June 1997 **.....	23	41	17	17	2	
March 1997.....	22	37	23	16	2	
December 1996.....	19	46	18	16	1	
September 1996.....	21	39	21	17	2	
June 1996.....	23	37	20	18	2	
March 1996.....	22	39	20	16	3	
January 1996.....	16	33	18	12	21	
Current interest rates						[64]
June 1997 **.....	10	46	24	16	4	
March 1997.....	12	44	24	16	4	
December 1996.....	11	44	25	16	4	
September 1996.....	9	45	26	15	5	
June 1996.....	8	41	27	18	6	
March 1996.....	13	43	26	15	3	
January 1996.....	11	40	26	15	8	

¹ The January 1996 comparative data *does* reflect results among all respondents; those who said the item does not apply to them were included in "not sure."

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.16c. (cont'd.)¹

	<u>Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat Satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Your retirement security						[67]
June 1997 **	19	35	17	27	2	
March 1997	18	31	21	27	3	
December 1996	14	38	22	23	3	
September 1996	18	38	20	21	3	
June 1996	19	34	19	25	3	
March 1996	16	36	21	25	2	
January 1996	16	34	20	25	5	
Job opportunities in the area you live in						[66]
June 1997 **	18	35	19	25	3	
March 1997	16	32	23	25	4	
December 1996	14	34	21	28	3	
September 1996	14	34	24	24	4	
June 1996	15	31	22	28	4	
March 1996 ²	13	31	25	28	3	
January 1996	11	27	25	27	10	
Your income keeping up with the cost of living						[70]
June 1997 **	16	36	23	25	-	
March 1997	12	35	26	26	1	
December 1996	11	37	24	27	1	
September 1996	10	38	28	22	2	
June 1996	12	34	27	26	1	
March 1996	11	38	26	24	1	
January 1996	11	35	27	25	2	
The rate of inflation						[68]
June 1997 **	14	34	23	24	5	
March 1997	11	31	27	25	6	
December 1996	10	32	31	22	5	
September 1996	10	31	28	25	6	
June 1996	9	29	29	27	6	
March 1996	9	29	30	27	5	
January 1996	8	26	32	27	7	
The amount of money you are saving						[65]
June 1997 **	11	28	23	37	1	
March 1997	10	30	24	35	1	
December 1996	10	31	25	33	1	
September 1996	10	31	26	32	1	
June 1996	10	31	24	33	2	
March 1996	10	31	25	32	2	
January 1996	8	29	27	33	3	

¹ The January 1996 comparative data *does* reflect results among all respondents; those who said the item does not apply to them were included in "not sure."

² Prior to June 1996, the item read "job opportunities in your area".

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

ECONOMIC SATISFACTION INDEX ¹ **							
[280]	<u>6/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>12/96</u>	<u>9/96</u>	<u>6/96</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>1/96</u>
Satisfied (score of 61 to 100).....	37	34	34	35	32	31	29
Mixed (score of 40 to 60).....	35	34	35	35	35	36	37
Dissatisfied (score of 0 to 39).....	28	32	31	30	33	33	34
Average score.....	52	50	50	51	49	49	48

¹ Index is calculated based on responses to Q.16a, 16b, and 16c.
 ** Responses calculated based on questions asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17a. Compared to 1992, do you think the national economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>6/97*</u>		<u>3/95</u>	
Gotten better.....	43	CONTINUE	31	[71]
Gotten worse.....	17		26	
Stayed about the same.....	37	SKIP TO Q.18.	42	
Not sure.....	3		1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THE ECONOMY HAS GOTTEN BETTER IN Q.17a)

17b. Who do you give the most credit for the country's economic upswing? **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The Clinton Administration.....	28	[72]
Increased worker productivity.....	17	
The Federal Reserve.....	14	
American corporations.....	13	
Congress.....	8	
All equally (VOL)	12	
None of these (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	4	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

	<u>1/94</u>
Clinton Administration.....	23
The Federal Reserve.....	4
Congress.....	3
Bush Administration.....	11
American corporations.....	4
The normal business cycle.....	49
All equally (VOL).....	2
None of these (VOL).....	-
Not sure.....	4

(ASK EVERYONE:)

18. I'm going to read you a list of indicators that people may use to determine how well the national economy is doing. Besides looking at your own personal situation, which one of the following indicators, if any, is most important to you in judging how well the national economy is doing?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

The unemployment rate.....	36	[73]
The rate of inflation.....	15	
Interest rates.....	15	
Our trade balance with other countries.....	11	
The stock market.....	10	
All equally (VOL)	7	
None of them (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	5	

- 19a. Looking at economic conditions in America over the past five years, how much credit do you think the economic policies of President Clinton deserve for improving the economy -- a great deal of credit, a fair amount of credit, some credit, or very little credit? *

A great deal of credit.....	12	[74]
A fair amount of credit.....	31	
Some credit.....	36	
Very little credit.....	17	
No credit at all/economy has not improved (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 19b. Looking at economic conditions in America during the 1980s when Ronald Reagan was president, how much credit do you think the economic policies of President Reagan deserved for improving the economy -- a great deal of credit, a fair amount of credit, some credit, or very little credit? **

A great deal of credit.....	19	[75]
A fair amount of credit.....	26	
Some credit.....	25	
Very little credit.....	24	
No credit at all/economy did not improve (VOL) . .	3	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

20. Now I am going to read you two statements about the future of the American economy. Please tell me which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: The American economy has changed so that traditional economic cycles are outdated, which means the American economy can avoid recessions for longer periods.

Statement B: While the American economy is strong now, it cannot avoid the traditional economic cycles, which means the American economy will still have periods of recession in the future. **

Statement A/American economy has changed.....	19	[76]
Statement B/American economy will still have periods of recession.....	76	
Not sure.....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

21. I am going to read you a list of reasons that people have suggested as to why the American economy is growing and will continue to perform well into the future. For each one I read, please tell me whether you think it will play a major part, a medium part, a small part, or no part in helping the American economy continue to do well.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY MAJOR PART

	Major Part	Medium Part	Small Part	No Part	Not Sure	
The U.S. has quickly become a world leader in the information and technology-based industries *.....	57	32	7	1	3	[77]
American workers are better trained for the new, high-tech jobs of the future **.....	44	32	13	9	2	[82]
The Federal Reserve Board is doing a better job of managing interest rates *.....	37	41	13	4	5	[79]
American companies are better-managed and run more efficiently than in the past **.....	36	36	15	10	3	[81]
Labor unions have become less influential and there have been fewer strikes than in the past *.....	25	41	23	8	3	[78]
The increasing globalization of the economy has helped bring stability to the American economy **.....	24	46	18	8	4	[80]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

22. During the next year, do you think that the national economy will get better, will get worse, or will stay about the same?

	6/97	4/97	10/97	9/94	6/94	5/94	3/94	1/94	12/93	10/93	
			4								
Will get better.....	24	19	31	28	28	27	29	44	43	21	[83]
Will get worse.....	12	22	24	24	17	21	16	16	19	27	
Will stay about the same.....	63	57	40	44	52	49	52	36	34	50	
Not sure.....	1	2	5	4	3	3	3	4	4	2	
		9/93	7/93	6/93	4/93	3/93	1/93	12/92	5/92	9/91+	
		23	20	23	33	39	50	53	32	31	
		24	29	27	21	15	9	10	20	24	
		51	48	47	44	43	39	35	45	40	
		2	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	5	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 23a. As you may know, the stock market has been reaching record highs. In terms of investing in the stock market, does this make you more likely to invest because of the potential for a high rate of return, or does it make you less likely to invest because stocks might fall from their current high levels?

	6/97**	3/97	
More likely to invest.....	33	24	[84]
Less likely to invest.....	49	58	
Neither (VOL).....	13	12	
Not sure.....	5	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

23b. Do you think there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

	6/97	4/97	1/97	3/96	12/90	10/90	9/15- 18/90	9/4- 5/90	8/90	7/90	5/90	4/90	3/90	1/90	
Will be an economic recession.....	15	19	23	32	73	66	51	58	57	25	30	23	30	31	[85]
Will not be an economic recession...	77	70	67	53	19	24	35	30	26	49	57	64	56	56	
Not sure.....	8	11	10	15	8	10	14	12	17	26	13	13	14	13	

23c. Do you think there will or will not be an economic recession in the next five years? **

Will be an economic recession.....	66	[86]
Will not be an economic recession.....	21	
Not sure.....	13	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

23d. Regardless of when you think it will occur, what do you think will be the most likely cause of the next economic recession? **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Overspending by government.....	27	[87]
Too much consumer debt.....	22	
Normal economic cycles.....	18	
Large trade deficits.....	7	
International economic instability.....	7	
A decline in the stock market.....	6	
Increased interest rates.....	6	
Other (VOL)	2	
Not sure.....	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

24. Do you believe that the jobs now being created in the U.S. economy are mainly high-paying jobs or mainly low-paying jobs?

	6/97	12/94	5/94	
Mainly high-paying jobs.....	17	10	13	[88]
Mainly low-paying jobs.....	67	77	72	
Mixed (VOL).....	11	6	4	
Jobs are not being created (VOL).....	-	-	2	
Not sure.....	5	7	9	

25a. Most economists agree that while most sectors of society have benefited from the strong economy, the poor have not done as well. Let me read you two statements about this situation, and see which one comes closer to your point of view.

Statement A: The poor should have more help from the federal government, such as improved and expanded education and job training programs.

Statement B: The poor do not need more help from the federal government, because the strong economy can provide enough jobs and opportunities for them. *

Statement A/federal government should do more to help poor....	57	[89]
Statement B/strong economy should help the poor.....	39	
Not sure.....	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

25b. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The benefits from the strong economy over the past few years have gone mostly to the top wage earners, and more needs to be done to close the gap between the rich and the poor." **

Agree.....	81	[90]
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Disagree..... 17
Not sure..... 2

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 25c. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "While the current economy is strong, it could perform even better if we made deeper cuts in taxes." **

Agree..... 60 [91]
Disagree..... 33
Not sure..... 7

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

26. If you could choose, would you prefer to live and work under the conditions of the economy of the past thirty years, or live and work under the conditions of the economy of the next thirty years?

Live/work under economy of past 30 years..... 39 [92]
Live/work under economy of next 30 years..... 48
Not sure..... 13

- 27a. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The economic and political systems in the country are stacked against people like me"?

	<u>6/97*</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>10/92+</u>	<u>9/92+</u>	<u>7/92+</u>	<u>5/92+</u>	<u>4/92+</u>	<u>2/92+</u>	
Agree.....	40	52	45	35	49	50	56	45	59	47	[93]
Disagree.....	53	43	48	58	45	45	37	49	37	47	
Not sure.....	7	5	7	7	6	5	7	6	4	6	

	<u>1/92+</u>	<u>12/91+</u>	<u>10/91+</u>	<u>10/90+</u>	<u>10/23- 26/88+</u>	<u>10/14- 16/88+</u>	<u>9/88+</u>	<u>8/88+</u>
	43	44	48	42	43	50	43	51
	51	49	46	54	48	42	46	39
	6	7	6	4	9	8	11	10

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 27b. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The economic and political systems in the country offer equal opportunities for everyone"? *

Agree..... 38 [94]
Disagree..... 60
Not sure..... 2

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

28. What do you think of the way the news media cover the economy: do you think that the news media are too positive in their reporting on the economy, too negative, or do you think that their coverage of the economy is balanced? *

Coverage is too positive.....	15	[95]
Coverage is too negative.....	20	
Coverage is balanced.....	60	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

29. For each of the following descriptions that I read, please tell me whether this applies to you personally. First, **(READ ITEM)** -- does that apply to you or doesn't it?

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Been laid off from your job in the last three to five years.....	15	85	-	[96]
Had a job in manufacturing.....	21	79	-	[97]
Have a job in the high-tech industry.....	19	80	1	[98]
Have received retraining or taken college courses for a job.....	39	61	-	[99]
Left a job to take a better position.....	39	60	1	[100]
Own at least five thousand dollars of common stock or mutual funds, either individually, or through a retirement savings program.....	50	48	2	[101]

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the future of the American economy.

30. Which of the following statements do you think best describes America's economic position?

	<u>6/97</u> **	<u>1/92</u>	<u>1/90</u>	
America is the number-one economic power in the world today.....	36	17	15	[102]
America is one of a few, about equal, economic powers.....	33	37	37	
America is a major economic power, but not one of the leaders.....	23	32	34	
America is no longer a major economic power.....	6	11	11	
Not sure.....	2	3	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 31a. Do you think the fact that the American economy has become increasingly global is good because it has opened up new markets for American products and resulted in more jobs, or bad because it has subjected American companies and employees to unfair competition and cheap labor? **

Globalization has been good.....	42	[103]
Globalization has been bad.....	48	
About equally good and bad (VOL)	7	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 31b. And do you think the fact that the American economy has become increasingly global will create greater divisions in society because not everyone will have equal access to education and training or will benefit everyone because it will result in more high-paying jobs and a stronger economy?

Create greater divisions in society.....	40	[104]
Will benefit everyone.....	48	
Some of both (VOL).....	5	
Not sure	7	

32. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view on the issue of immigration and its effect on the national economy.

Statement A: Legal immigration has a positive effect on the national economy, because immigrants fill jobs in our economy that are otherwise hard to fill, and they start new businesses.

Statement B: Legal immigration has a negative effect on the national economy, because immigrants take jobs from American workers and are a drain on government services. *

Statement A/legal immigration has positive effect.....	44	[105]
Statement B/legal immigration has negative effect.....	49	
Some of both (VOL).....	4	
Not sure/other.....	3	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

33. On a different topic, this month marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the break-in at the Watergate apartment complex by burglars associated with President Nixon's reelection campaign. In your view, do you think the way political campaigns are conducted today has changed for the better or changed for the worse since Watergate? *

Changed for the better.....	35	[106]
Changed for the worse.....	39	
Remained about the same (VOL).....	20	
Not sure.....	6	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about television.

- C1. Is there at least one television set in this household that is usually kept in working order?

Yes, one television set in working order...	99	CONTINUE	[107]
No, no television set in working order.....	1	FORM A: SKIP TO FACTUALS	
Not sure.....	-	FORM B: SKIP TO Q.34	

- C2. How important would you say television is in your life -- extremely important, fairly important, just somewhat important, not very important, or not important at all?

	<u>6/97</u>	<u>6/92¹</u>	
Extremely important.....	17	15	[108]
Fairly important.....	26	30	
Just somewhat important.....	34	33	
Not very important.....	16	16	
Not important at all.....	7	6	
Not sure.....	-	-	

¹ Comparative data comes from a June 1992 survey conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates for *TV Guide*.

- C3a. Are there any children under age 18 in the household? **(IF 'YES,' ASK:)** How often is there tension between parents and children over TV in your household -- very often, fairly often, rarely, or never? ¹

Yes, Children Under 18 In Household

Very often.....	11		[109]
Fairly often.....	17	CONTINUE	
Rarely.....	42		
Never.....	29		
Not sure.....	1		

No, No Children Under 18 In Household..... - **SKIP TO Q.C4**

Not Sure If Children Under 18 In Household..... -

¹ Results shown reflect responses among adults who say that they have children under the age of 18 (Q.C3a) and a working television set in their household (Q.C1).

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY HAVE CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 IN Q.C3a.)

- C3b. Would you say that television brings you together as a family, or does it come between you as a family?

	<u>6/97</u> ¹	<u>6/92</u> ²	
Brings you together as a family.....	47	52	[110]
Comes between you as a family.....	24	20	
Some of both (VOL).....	9	7	
Neither (VOL).....	18	19	
Not sure.....	2	2	

¹ Asked only of respondents who say that they have children under the age of 18 (Q.C3a) and a working television set in their household (Q.C1).

² Comparative data comes from a June 1992 survey conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates for *TV Guide*. The question was asked only of respondents who say that they have children under the age of 18 and a working television set in their household.

(ASK EVERYONE)

- C4. In general, would you say that television has been more of a good influence on your own children, or more of a poor influence?

	<u>6/97</u>	<u>1962</u> ¹	
More of a good influence.....	36	38	[111]
More of a poor influence.....	35	20	
Did not affect children (VOL).....	8	11	
Don't have children (VOL).....	14	27	
Not sure.....	7	4	

¹ Comparative data comes from a 1962 survey conducted by the Gallup Organization.

- C5. Would you say TV has changed for the better or changed for the worse over the past ten years?

	<u>6/97</u> [*]	<u>1965</u> ¹	
Changed for the better.....	30	50	[112]
Changed for the worse.....	59	23	
Both/depends (VOL).....	8	18	
Not sure.....	3	9	

¹ Comparative data comes from a 1965 survey conducted by the Gallup Organization. The question previously asked, "As far as your own tastes are concerned . . .".

^{*} Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- C6. Let me read you a list of electronic devices and services. Please tell me which ones, if any, your household has. **(READ LIST SLOWLY. ACCEPT AS MANY ANSWERS AS APPLY.)**

VCR or videocassette recorder.....	92	[113]
Television remote control.....	97	>
Three or more working TV sets.....	51	
Cable TV.....	76	
A TV set in a child's bedroom.....	25	
Video game system.....	40	
Personal computer.....	51	
A computer modem with access to the		
Internet or an on-line service.....	32	
None of these (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	-	

<u>6/92¹</u>		
Portable television.....	59	>
Television remote control.....	88	
Television with stereo sound....	54	
VCR (Videocassette recorder) ..	81	
Projection television.....	3	
Camcorder or video camera....	22	
Video game system.....	35	
Personal computer.....	29	
None of these (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	-	
¹ Comparative data comes from a June 1992 survey conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates for <i>TV Guide</i> .		

- C7. Thinking about all the times during the day, evening, and weekend, how many hours of television would you say you watch during an average week?

	<u>6/97</u>	<u>6/92¹</u>	
Less than 7 hours a week.....	20	17	[114]
7 to 14 hours a week.....	32	29	
15 to 21 hours a week.....	23	22	
22 to 28 hours a week.....	9	12	
29 to 35 hours a week.....	7	9	
36 to 42 hours a week.....	4	4	
43 to 49 hours a week.....	1	2	
50 to 70 hours a week.....	2	3	
71 or more hours a week.....	1	1	
Refused.....	-	-	
Not sure.....	1	1	

¹ Comparative data comes from a June 1992 survey conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates for *TV Guide*.

- C8. Thinking just about the four major broadcast television networks--ABC, CBS, NBC, and Fox--do you tend to watch the four networks exclusively, almost always, the majority of the time, about half the time, or less than half the time when you are watching television? *

Exclusively.....	9	[115]
Almost always.....	11	
The majority of the time.....	23	
About half the time.....	29	
Less than half the time.....	25	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- C9. Thinking about all the programs available on the four major networks--news, entertainment shows, sitcoms, dramas, sports, and movies--would you say that *overall*, the programs on the major networks are more appealing to you than they were five years ago, about the same, or less appealing? *

More appealing than five years ago.....	24	[116]
About the same as five years ago.....	34	
Less appealing than five years ago.....	39	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- C10. If you had to choose between only watching the broadcast television stations, such as ABC, CBS, NBC, and Fox, or only watching cable television stations, such as CNN, ESPN, HBO, and TBS, which would you choose--broadcast stations or cable stations?

	6/97**		6/92 ¹	
	All Adults	Cable Households	Cable Households	
Broadcast stations.....	51	45	39	[117]
Cable stations.....	44	50	56	
Not sure.....	5	5	5	

¹ Comparative data comes from a June 1992 survey conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates for *TV Guide*.

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- C11. From time to time, what's offered on television changes--for example, at the start of the new television season, or when a new cable station is added by your cable operator. When it comes to new things on TV, which of the following two statements describes you best:

Statement A: I like to try new shows because I'm interested in finding new things to watch;

OR

Statement B: I like to stick with my old favorites, and I'm not very interested in finding new things to watch. *

Statement A: Try new shows.....	57	[118]
Statement B: Stick with favorites.....	33	
Both equally (VOL).....	6	
Neither (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- C12. Here are some reasons people have given for why they are spending less time watching the major networks today than they did five years ago. For each of the reasons I mention, please tell me whether that reason applies to you, or not.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY APPLIES

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does Not Apply</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
I prefer to watch stations with fewer commercials because there are too many commercials on the networks *	68	31	1	[125]
I watch less television altogether.....	65	34	1	[121]
I spend less time at home and more time working, exercising, or going out **.....	56	43	1	[120]
I can't find anything interesting to watch on the networks.....	52	47	1	[123]
I'm watching more cable programs and fewer network programs **.....	47	49	4	[124]
I use my TV for other forms of entertainment, such as videos or video games *.....	43	57	-	[122]
It's harder for me to find the shows I like, because the schedule changes too often **.....	32	66	2	[126]
I spend more time working on my computer or using on-line services *...	21	78	1	[119]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- C13. In general, do you turn on the television to watch a particular program, or do you turn on the television and then see what is on?

	<u>6/97**</u>	<u>6/92¹</u>	
Turn on television to watch a particular program...	56	57	[127]
Turn on television, then see what is on.....	37	36	
Depends (VOL).....	6	7	
Not sure.....	1	-	

¹ Comparative data comes from a June 1992 survey conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates for *TV Guide*.

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- C14. How often do you watch television at the same time as your mate or other family members, but in different rooms--very often, fairly often, rarely, or never? *

Very often.....	15	[128]
Fairly often.....	21	
Rarely.....	31	
Never.....	25	
No other family members in household/live alone (VOL).....	6	
Have only one TV.....	1	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- C15. Looking ahead to the next few years, for each of the following types of TV programs I name, please tell me whether you'd like to see more or less of that kind of program on TV in the future.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY LIKE TO SEE MORE

	Like To See More	Like To See Less	Like To See Same Amount (VOL)	Never Heard Of/ Don't Watch (VOL)	Not Sure	
History, documentaries, and the arts *.....	79	12	7	1	1	[133]
Movies *.....	74	15	8	1	2	[130]
News and information shows *.....	62	24	14	-	-	[131]
Dramas **.....	53	34	8	2	3	[134]
Situation comedies *.....	46	42	9	2	1	[129]
Sports *.....	39	44	14	2	1	[132]
Game shows **.....	26	60	8	4	2	[137]
Talk shows **.....	12	80	4	3	1	[136]
Soap operas **.....	6	85	4	4	1	[135]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- C16. By the end of next year, there will be a new generation of digital TVs on the market offering much clearer pictures and better sound, but they will be expensive. Generally speaking, when it comes to buying the new generation of digital TVs, do you think you personally:

(A) Will be among the first people you know to get one;

(B) Will get one after you've seen how it works for a few neighbors or friends;

(C) Will consider it after most neighbors or friends are already using it and comfortable with it;
OR

(D) Will not purchase one of the new digital TVs. *

(A) Will be among the first to get one.....	4	[138]
(B) Will get one after seeing how it works for a few neighbors or friends.....	19	
(C) Will consider one after most neighbors or friends use it/are comfortable with it.....	39	
(D) Will not purchase one.....	34	
Not sure.....	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- C17. Which network carries the shows *3rd Rock from the Sun* and *ER*? **

ABC.....	4	[139]
CBS.....	5	
Fox.....	2	
NBC.....	44	
Other.....	1	
Not sure.....	44	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- C18. Looking ahead to the next few years, home televisions may have many new capabilities in the future. I'm going to read you a list of some of those new capabilities, and I'd like you to tell me which of them, if any, you personally are extremely interested in having available through the television in your home--**(READ LIST. ACCEPT AS MANY ANSWERS AS APPLY.) ***

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Being able to watch your favorite shows anytime you like.....	74	[140]
Getting only the news or information that interests you.....	66	>
Movies on demand.....	62	
Being able to choose your own camera angle to watch live events.....	48	
Video conferences where you can meet people with interests similar to yours...	32	
Video telephone calls.....	32	
Surfing the Internet.....	29	
On-line banking, investing, or shopping	28	
Other (VOL).....	-	
None of these (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	2	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

On another topic...

34. The U.S. and its allies have agreed to allow new countries formerly in the Soviet Bloc to become members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, also known as NATO. Supporters say that this action will promote democracy in these Eastern European countries, and protect them from Russia. Opponents say that defending these countries will be too expensive and that including them in NATO could make Russia feel threatened. Based on this information, do you approve or disapprove of expanding NATO's membership?**

Approve of expanding NATO's membership.....	52	[141]
Disapprove of expanding NATO's membership...	35	
Not sure.....	13	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 35a. In general, do you favor or oppose the death penalty? (IF "FAVOR," ASK:) Was there a time when you opposed the death penalty? **

Total Favor The Death Penalty.....	69	
Have always favored death penalty.....	55	[142]
Was opposed to death penalty.....	11	
Not sure whether was opposed to death penalty.....	3	
Oppose The Death Penalty.....	23	
Not Sure Whether Favor Or Oppose The Death Penalty.....	8	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 35b. As you may know, the jury in the case of Timothy McVeigh, the man convicted of the Oklahoma City bombing, sentenced him to the death penalty. Do you approve or disapprove of the jury's decision? **

Approve of the jury's decision.....	76	[143]
Disapprove of they jury's decision.....	18	
Not sure.....	6	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.F1. What is the last grade you completed in school? **(DO NOT READ CHOICES.)**

Grade school.....	1	{201}
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	30	
Some college, no degree.....	17	
Vocational training, 2-year college.....	13	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	19	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	2	
2-3 years' postgraduate work, master's degree.....	9	
Doctoral degree/law degree.....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

F2. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	11	{202}
25-29.....	9	
30-34.....	11	
35-39.....	11	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	9	
50-54.....	8	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	5	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	1	

F3a. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?**(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>			
Professional/manager.....	27		{203}
White collar worker.....	19	CONTINUE	
Blue collar worker.....	20		
Farmer.....	-		
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>			
Student.....	3		
Homemaker.....	6	SKIP TO Q.F4	
Retired.....	19		
Unemployed.....	4		
Never worked/not sure.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED IN Q.F3a.)

F3b. Is your job in a growing or declining sector of the national economy, or somewhere in between?

Growing sector.....	54	[144]
Declining sector.....	9	
Somewhere in between.....	34	
Not sure.....	3	

(ASK EVERYONE:)

F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/ REPUBLICAN.")**

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat.....	18	{205}
Not very strong Democrat.....	15	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	8	
Strictly independent.....	19	
Independent/lean Republican.....	7	
Not very strong Republican.....	11	
Strong Republican.....	14	
Other.....	5	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

F5. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or do you think your views cannot really be described in those terms?

Very liberal.....	8	{206}
Somewhat liberal.....	17	
Moderate.....	27	
Somewhat conservative.....	22	
Very conservative.....	11	
Views cannot be described in those terms.....	13	
Not sure.....	2	

F6a. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered	86	{207}
Not registered.....	13	
Not sure.....	1	

F6b. Did you happen to vote in the 1996 presidential election?

(IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote -- Bill Clinton, the Democrat, Bob Dole, the Republican, or Ross Perot, the Reform Party candidate?

<u>Yes, Voted</u>			{208}
Bill Clinton.....	41		
Bob Dole	24	CONTINUE	
Ross Perot.....	5		
Other (VOL)/not sure/refused.....	6		
<u>No, Did Not Vote</u>	21	SKIP TO	
<u>Not Sure If Voted/Refused</u>	3	Q.F7.	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY VOTED IN Q.F6b.)

F6c. In the 1996 election for U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district?

Democratic candidate.....	35	{209}
Republican candidate.....	30	
Another candidate (VOL).....	1	
Didn't vote in House election (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	8	
Did Not Vote (Q.F6b).....	24	

(ASK EVERYONE:)

F7. What is your marital status--are you single and never married, married, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Single.....	23	{211}
Married.....	57	
Separated.....	2	
Divorced.....	10	
Widowed.....	7	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F8a. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	49	CONTINUE	{212}
Catholic.....	31		
Jewish.....	2		
Other.....	11	SKIP TO Q.F9.	
None.....	5		
Not sure/refused.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F8a)

F8b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Yes, fundamentalist/evangelical/both	16	{213}
No, neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	29	
Not sure.....	4	
Non-Protestants (Q.F8a).....	51	

(ASK EVERYONE:)

F9. Are you, or is any member of your household, a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	12	{215}
Labor union household.....	7	
Nonunion household.....	79	
Not sure.....	2	

FC1. Do you subscribe to cable television?

Subscribe to cable television.....	73	[145]
Do not subscribe to cable television.....	24	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

F10a. Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

White.....	80	SKIP TO Q.F11	{220}
Black.....	10	CONTINUE	
Hispanic.....	5		
Asian.....	2	SKIP TO Q.F11	
Other.....	2		
Not sure/refused.....	1		

(ASK ONLY OF BLACK RESPONDENTS IN Q.F10a)

F10b. When someone refers to your race, do you prefer to be referred to as black, African American, or do you prefer some other term?

	<u>6/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>5/92</u>	<u>7/90</u>	
Black.....	36	29	41	38	37	58	59	[146]
African-American.....	27	39	32	33	28	23	25]
Some other term.....	8	9	7	7	9	11	8	
Doesn't make any difference (VOL).....	27	20	15	20	24	-	NA	
Not sure/refused.....	2	3	5	2	2	8	8	

(ASK EVERYONE:)

F11. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	{221}
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	10	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	15	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	13	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	12	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	7	
More than \$100,000.....	5	
Not sure/refused.....	15	